

average of \$33,000 on lawyers, accountants and financial planners, over a period of several years. This is money that could have been better spent to expand the business and create new jobs—rather than dealing with the death tax.

The estate tax only raises one percent of federal revenue, yet it costs farms, businesses and jobs. No American family should lose their farm or business because of the federal government. I support full repeal of the federal estate tax.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

September 15, 1999:

Larry Gene Ashbrook, 47, Fort Worth, TX; Kristi Beckel, 14, Fort Worth, TX; Mackersher Beckford, 22, Miami, FL; Shawn C. Brown, 23, Fort Worth, TX; Sydney R. Browning, 36, Fort Worth, TX; Keith Brunson, 28, Miami, FL; Gary Burgin, 51, Cincinnati, OH; Ralph Burgin, 58, Cincinnati, OH; Jorge DelRio, 36, Miami, FL; Joseph D. Ennis, 14, Fort Worth, TX; Cassandra Griffin, 14, Fort Worth, TX; Leardis Lane, 59, Chicago, IL; Omar Martinez, 32, Miami, FL; Jerry Lee Miller, 63, Salt Lake City, UT; Ali Panjwani, 32, San Antonio, TX; Lamar Price, 34, Detroit, MI; Justin M. Ray, 17, Fort Worth, TX; Calvin D. Sangrey, 45, Seattle, WA; Lawrence Venson, 21, Washington, DC; Unidentified Male, 45, Sacramento, CA.

Today is the one-year anniversary of a horrific shooting in Fort Worth, Texas. On this day one year ago, a gunman burst into the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during a youth rally. Seven of the people whose names I just read were shot and killed and seven were wounded by a man they did not know. The gunman stormed into the church, cursed their religion, and shot multiple rounds of gunfire before he turned the gun on himself.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

• Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, September 14, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,675,575,620,669.30, five trillion, six hundred seventy-five billion, five hundred seventy-five million, six hundred twenty thousand, six hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty cents.

One year ago, September 14, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,657,546,000,000, five trillion, six hundred fifty-seven billion, five hundred forty-six million.

Five years ago, September 14, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,968,803,000,000, four trillion, nine hundred sixty-eight billion, eight hundred three million.

Ten years ago, September 14, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,233,193,000,000, three trillion, two hundred thirty-three billion, one hundred ninety-three million, which reflects an increase of almost \$2.5 trillion—\$2,442,382,620,669.30, two trillion, four hundred forty-two billion, three hundred eighty-two million, six hundred twenty thousand, six hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty cents, during the past 10 years. •

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL ROBERT S. FRIX

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I rise to recognize General Robert S. Frix, an outstanding individual from my State, who is the recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

This award is bestowed upon a select group of Eagle Scouts who are chosen by a national review board as distinguished individuals who, by sharing their talents and time with others, have improved their communities. General Frix clearly deserves this rare honor for his service to our country, his profession and community.

Our country owes a great debt of gratitude to General Frix for his decorated military service and accomplishments. A West Point graduate, he served our country for 34 years, earning the rank of Major General and numerous decorations including two Distinguished Service Medals, 26 Air Medals, and two Meritorious Service Medals.

Through two tours each in Vietnam and Germany, he distinguished himself as a leader, but his duty in the Middle East is most notable. As Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding General of U.S. Army Forces Central Command during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he was instrumental in rescuing Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's siege. Commanding the Joint Task Force Kuwait, he led the enforcement of U.N. Resolution 688.

Following his military service, General Frix turned to a different kind of

battle, that of decommissioning, cleaning-up, and restoring U.S. Department of Energy former nuclear weapons fabrication and materials production sites. Formerly at the Rocky Flats, Colorado site and currently at the Hanford site in my state of Washington, he manages personnel and multimillion dollar budgets in order to accomplish the clean-up and disposal of highly radioactive, toxic and hazardous materials. At the helm of the DynCorp company, he and his employees have achieved an outstanding environmental safety record.

All the while, General Frix uses his talents for the benefit of others and remains committed to serving his community as the national president of the Army Aviation Association of America Scholarship Foundation and as a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. In addition, he has used his military management skills to retire council debts and raise almost \$10 million in endowment as a member of the Blue Mountain Council Executive Board and Senior Vice President of Finance.

General Frix willingness to help his community extends into his professional career in which he and his colleagues at DynCorp have worked side by side to construct park facilities and renovate a local cancer treatment facility. He is highly regarded by business associates as a community leader who sets an example for others to follow. •

REIT ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, the real estate investment trust, or REIT, turned 40 years old yesterday. It has been a remarkable four decades for this investment vehicle. The goal of Congress in creating REITs back in 1960 was to give the small investor an opportunity to invest in portfolios of large-scale, commercial properties. Today, anyone and everyone can buy shares of real estate operating companies that focus on particular sectors or regions of the country.

In January, the REIT Modernization Act will take effect. Adopted by Congress last year, this law will permit REITs to remain competitive in the real estate marketplace by creating subsidiaries to offer the same range of tenant services provided by its competitors. And, as the REIT marks its 40th anniversary, so too does its association, NAREIT, the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. NAREIT's annual convention will be held here in Washington, DC next month, and we wish them well on another successful event. •

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 15, 2000, he